

DAVID NUMBERS THE PEOPLE

2 Sam 24, 1 Chron 21

Revelation 12:12 ... *for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

David at end of years.

Job 32:9 *Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.*
Just because David was old in the Lord doesn't mean that he was immune from sin....

Swindoll: *Often those who fall the hardest are those who have walked with God the longest....there is no such thing as outgrowing sin.*

This event happened at end of battle between Israel and Philistines.

David's last battle.

David's first battle--killed a giant, Goliath.

Last battle, Goliath's brother is killed, ...

One of most vulnerable times in person's life--after victory.

2 Samuel 24:1-2 Motive? Find out how strong we are. Daniel 4:33-34

2 Samuel 24:3 ... *why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?*

What is your motive?

2 Samuel 24:4 All leadership team wondering why wanted to do such a thing.

David vetoed counsel of his staff.

1 Chronicles 21:1 *And Satan ... provoked David to number Israel.*

Provoked: pricked, stimulated, seduced, stirred up.

2 Cor 2:11 *Advantage of us*: overreach; defraud, make a gain of us, outsmart, trick, deceive into accomplishing his purposes.

Devices: purposes, perceptions, thoughts, plans, techniques, schemes, wiles

Not ignorant: not blind; unintelligent

2 Samuel 24:4 David had no accountability.

Two grave mistakes made by David.

1. Hasn't sought God's mind on matter.

2. Refused multitude of counsel

2 Samuel 24:8-10 He was not perfect, but sensitive to reputation of God.

Smote: to strike, beat him up, attack, assault.

David's heart was assaulted.

Stubborn believers: not heed prompting of Lord.

Swindoll: *Regrettably, those in greatest power are often those who listen the least to that inner, aching voice.*

10...*And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly ...*

1 Chronicles 21:7 *And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.*
Bothered David.

One thing to suffer consequences --but his people?

David took responsibility for his sin.

God will always forgive.

Doesn't mean no consequences to our sins.

1 Chronicles 21:9-12

Only time in scripture where God gives man a choice of consequences for his sin.

2 Samuel 24:14 *I am in a strait:* to be tied up, vexed, cramped.

1 Chronicles 21:13

I want God's grace.

1 Chronicles 21:14 We never sin alone.

Sin always requires a terrible wage.

Sin does not serve well as gardener of the soul. It landscapes the contour of the soul until all that is beautiful has been made ugly; until all that is high is made low; until all that is promising is wasted. Then life is like a desert – parched and barren. It is drained of purpose. It is bleached of happiness. Sin, then, is not wise, but wasteful. It is not a gate, but only a grave. C. Neil Strait

David throws himself upon the mercy of God.

1 Chronicles 21:15-19 Interesting how responsive we become after being chastened by God.

1 Chronicles 21:20-21 *Ornan* (Araunah) doesn't know of David's sin.

2 Samuel 24:19-23 David broken, humbled, repented, grieved, confessed, forsaken

2 Samuel 24:24 Doesn't mean anything if it cost me nothing.

2 Samuel 24:25-27 1 Chronicles 21:27 Grace of God extended to him

Angel of Lord sheathed his sword of Judgment.

Not until sin run its course

Thousands upon thousands of families impacted

SO WHAT?

1. Establish accountability
2. Remember that we never sin alone.
3. God is concerned with motives
4. Take God seriously
5. Take sin seriously